

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, claims 3, 9, 19, and 21 have been amended into independent form, and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-18, 20, and 32 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been submitted. Claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 19, 21-22, and 31 are pending and under consideration.

The outstanding Office Action indicated that claim 31 was allowed, and that claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 19, and 21-22 included allowable subject matter.

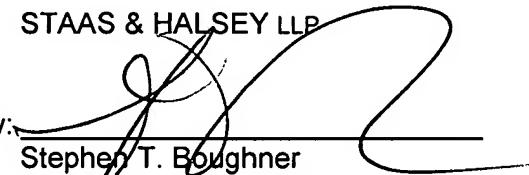
Accordingly, with claims 3, 9, 19, and 21 having been amended into independent form, and claims 6, 12, and 22 depending from the same, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in allowable condition.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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